

A Special Message for all Charitable Bingo Conductors:

2020 has been a unique year and has presented challenges for many charitable organizations due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Texas Governor's Disaster Declaration. This letter is to remind you that charitable bingo conductors may submit to the Commission's Charitable Bingo Operations Division (CBOD) a request for a waiver from the requirements to generate net proceeds and make charitable disbursements. CBOD may grant waivers of these requirements based on evidence of circumstances beyond the control of the organization, including force majeure.

Charitable bingo conductors must submit these requests using the Conductor Request for Waiver (FORMID 119) or Accounting Unit or Trust Request for Waiver (FORMID 120). These forms must be completed by a licensed authorized organization or their designated agent. An applicant may request the CBOD to waive the requirement that the organization, unit, or trust's bingo operations result in net proceeds over the last four quarters, or the requirement that the organization, unit, or trust disburse the required amount of net proceeds for charitable purposes.

If the COVID-19 pandemic and the Texas Governor's Disaster Declaration impacted your organization, unit, or trust's ability to generate net proceeds or to disburse charitable funds for quarters 2020-1, 2020-2 or 2020-3, the CBOD is requesting that your organization submit FORMID 119 or FORMID 120, as appropriate, to the division as soon as possible. In the Waiver Information Section, please state that the waiver is being requested due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Texas Governor's Disaster Declaration. Also, please list the license period for which you are requesting a waiver from the net proceeds requirement, or the quarters you are requesting a waiver from the charitable disbursement requirement. If the waiver is being requested due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Texas Governor's Disaster Declaration, no further supplemental documentation is required unless specifically requested by the CBOD.

These forms are available on the Txbingo.org website at:

1. Conductor Request for Waiver (FORMID 119) - https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/Documents/forms/FRM-119_CondReqforWaiver.pdf
2. Accounting Unit or Trust Request for Waiver (FORMID 120) – https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/Documents/forms/FRM-120_ReqforWaiver.pdf

If you need assistance in filling out FORMID 119 or 120, please contact CBOD Education Department at 512-344-5299 or 800-BINGO-77 (800-246-4677) or send an email to Bingo Services: bingo.services@lottery.state.tx.us